

# WAIT TO WATER

Combating Utah's Continuing Drought

Last year, Utah faced its worst drought on record. Irrigation seasons were cut short, drought headlines filled the news, Gov. Spencer Cox declared a state of emergency and Utahns made choices to water less where they could. Together we made it through 2021, but Utah's water supply challenges are far from over. With 2022 expected to be as bad, if not worse than last year, American Fork City has made the decision to again ask residents to hold off on pressurized irrigation watering until May 1.

The City will allow for certain small and unique needs for watering, such as gardening or new sod. But for homes with established yards, please wait to water. The early spring months require little to no water as the grass is coming out of a dormant phase and the temperatures are low. Larger water-use groups are also committed to follow this request, including American Fork City, Alpine School District, and the churches for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. All of these groups will be delaying watering until May 1 as well, with as few exceptions as possible.

Visit the City's water management webpage for more information on the city's drought conditions and recommendations for wise water management. americanfork.gov. For more tips on how to help save water, visit **slowtheflow.org**.



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## **Office Numbers**

Administration	801-763-3000
Public Works	801-763-3060
Library	801-763-3070
Fitness Center	801-763-3080
Senior Center	801-763-3090

#### **Non-Emergency**

Police	801-763-3020
Fire & Rescue	.801-763-3045

#### On-Call / After-Hour

Water/Pressurized	801-404-1253
Sewer/Storm Drain .	801-404-7167
Streets	801-404-1255
Garbage	. 801-924-8500
Street Lights	801-814-4311













April Visual Art classes held at the Timpanogos Arts Foundation, Arts Center, 53 W. Main St., American Fork, UT. See bit.ly/TAFevents for full event information and registration links.

#### Ceramics - Mask Making Class

Saturdays, April 9 - May 7, 2022 (5 classes) 10 am - 1 pm All supplies included. Class Fee: \$60

#### **Basic Drawing Class**

Saturdays, April 9 - 30, 2022 (4 classes) 10 am - 12pm All supplies included Class Fee: \$60

#### **Colored Pencil Class**

Saturdays, April 9 - 30, 2022 (4 classes) 12:30 pm - 2:30pm All supplies included Class Fee: \$60

#### **Beginning Oil Painting Class**

Thursdays, April 14 - May 5, 2022 (4 classes) 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm Class Fee: \$60 Supply Fee: \$50

#### **Jewelry Making Class**

Thursdays, April 14 & 21, 2022 (2 classes) 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm All Supplies Included Class Fee: \$35

#### Sculpture Open Studio

[Open work time to finish sculpture projects]
Thursdays, April 7 - 28, 2022 (ongoing class)
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Single Night Fee: \$15
Monthly Pass (4 weeks): \$50

#### **Table Time**

[Open self-guided work time for any visual arts pursuits]
Tuesdays, April 5 - 26, 2022 (ongoing class)
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Monthly punch card: \$12

# Citywide Meter Installation Project to Begin this Spring

American Fork City has a pressurized irrigation system specifically designed for outdoor watering uses such as landscape and lawns. In accordance with the 2019 Utah State legislative mandate that all cities meter their secondary water usage, we have been working to install pressurized irrigation (P.I.) water meters on all connections in the City. Since April 2019, all new P.I. connections have been fitted with a meter. The first phase of converting existing P.I. connections to meters will begin as early as May 2022, starting in the northern third of the City. American Fork has received a federally matched grant which will be used, along with \$1.5 million the City has reserved for this project, to accomplish the first phase of the installation. Future phases will be dependent on funding and may take several years to complete. There is no additional cost to residents or businesses for the meter installation and the existing rate structure will continue until all meters have been installed citywide and a new meter infrastructure system is in place.

#### Why Do Meters Matter?

American Fork City is committed to contributing to water conservation efforts and by so doing, help our area responsibly care for our limited natural water resource. We expect that as we see our measured water usage, we will make better informed decisions to use only the water we need. Conservation is crucial to ensuring we have water now and for future generations.

#### What Will the Meter Look Like?

The meter will be installed in the existing P.I. utility service box. A section of the existing service line will be removed to accommodate the new meter. This requires the removal of any existing filter and/or hose bibb. The new meter will be installed with a transponder wire that attaches to the service box lid. Once the



install is complete, you should not tamper with the service box lid. Doing so may damage the meter parts inside, which are City property. After installation, your landscaping will be restored.

#### Phase 1 Installation

The first phase of the installation will begin in the north third of the City. This phase will run from approximately May through December of 2022. Subsequent phases will begin when funding and metering parts become available.

# When will I see meter charges on my utility bill?

Metered rates will be charged after all connections in the City are metered and the Automated Meter Infrastructure system is established, which will take a few years. You will be able to review your usage before the new fee structure goes into effect.

# How Do I Find Out More About the Project?

Visit americanfork.gov/PImeters, to learn more about the project. You will find FAQs, maps, diagrams, and more resources all in one place.

#### Know What's Happening, When it's Happening

Sign up for AF Notify | Roadwork Projects alerts to receive an email/text notification about the PI meter install project. You'll be alerted when your neighborhood is receiving the installation. Sign up at americanfork.gov/notify.

## City to Implement Water Compliance Technician

In an ongoing effort to conserve water, the City will be implementing a Water Compliance Technician to better ensure proper water use in American Fork City.

The Water Compliance Technician will have a solid understanding of City water compliance regulations and schedules to ensure proper use of sprinkler systems. The technician will monitor pressurized irrigation water usage compliance by driving throughout the city looking for residents and/or business owners utilizing PI water resources outside of the City's adopted watering schedule.

Interested in becoming a Water Compliance Technician? Visit: americanfork.gov/jobs for more information.

This position is not intended to punish, but rather educate residents and business owners regarding water restrictions through verbal and/or written communication, including in-person verbal conversation, door hangers, letters, and email correspondence. Residents would only be subject to fines as a last resort.

# Citywide Green Waste Cleanup | AF City 2022



American Fork City is inviting all citizens and organized groups to participate in this year's Citywide Green Waste Cleanup happening April 23-30. In the spirit of neighbors helping neighbors, this event is intended to bring citizens and neighbors together to help beautify our city! The focus of the event is clearing debris, weeds, and overgrowth from sidewalks and walking paths in every neighborhood around American Fork.

The city will also be providing a FREE green waste coupon to dump your green waste at no charge. These coupons are in addition to the three annual free dump passes AF residents already enjoy. To obtain a coupon, visit the city administration building prior to the event.

Let's all pitch in this Spring and come together to help keep our city looking great! For more information on the event, visit americanfork.gov

# **Burn Permits**

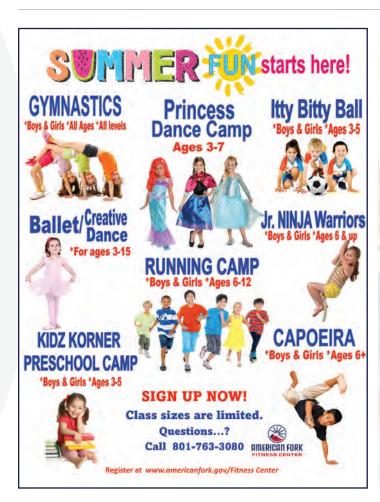
American Fork Fire Rescue would like to announce, according to the Utah Division of Air Quality, the City's open burn season will

be from March 30, 2022 to May 30, 2022. Citizens can apply for a permit online or in person at the fire station location at 96 North Center St. to obtain a burn permit at a cost of \$20. Payment



can be made with cash, check or card. Before each burn, citizens will need to call the county burn number to confirm it is a green burn day and fill out a form on the State UDEQ website. This information will be provided with the permit or also online at the city website.

Call the Fire Department with any questions at 801-763-3045. Please be safe.





# U.S. FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY



## April 20, 2022 7:00pm Quail Cove Amphitheater

Hosted by the American Legion Post 49, the Honor Guard, AF Fire & Rescue, AFPD

The public is invited to attend a flag retirement ceremony. Attendees will learn the reasons why we retire the US flag and the proper way it is done. The ceremony will include an invocation, The Pledge of Allegiance, The National Anthem, taps, firing M1s, and the burning of the retired flag.

Please contact Commander Hall at 801-376-0861 if you have any questions.

## AF City Launches Tool for Citizens to Report Concerns



## Report a Concern

The Report a Concern portal may be used to alert the city to non-emergency issues such as potholes, graffiti, traffic signal problems, code violations, and more. Go to *americanfork.gov/concern* to submit your concern.

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